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Resolution

Creating the Nebraska Computing and Telecommunications Security Committee

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Whereas Section 86-542 (2), R.S.N., 1943, authorizes the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC) to “study and make recommendations concerning the data processing and communications needs of the state and its political subdivisions,” and

Whereas Computing, telecommunications, and network equipment have been installed in public buildings throughout the state, and

Whereas Unauthorized access to these computing and telecommunications facilities may result in disruption of state and local government services, and

Whereas The Committee has determined that securing these facilities, both physically and electronically, is necessary to protect state and local computing and telecommunications systems from inadvertent or surreptitious access, and

Whereas Section 86-545, R.S.N., 1943, grants the council “the power to appoint representatives of state agencies and governmental subdivisions which are affected by a proposed project to serve as developmental subcommittees of the council on the development of the proposed project,”

Now, Therefore be it resolved:

Section 1. That a Computing and Telecommunications Security Committee be created as a subcommittee of NIDCAC pursuant to Section 86-545, R.S.N., 1943.

Section 2. That the Committee shall undertake the following tasks:

- a) Evaluate existing security practices including physical and electronic access to computing and telecommunications equipment,
- b) Identify risks, problems and constraints of current security practices,
- c) Review the current level of security technology available to local governments throughout the state,
- d) Evaluate opportunities to better protect state and local computing and telecommunications resources,
- e) Evaluate requirements necessary to achieve a secured computing and telecommunications infrastructure,
- f) Investigate specific measures that ensure secure access to computing, network, and telecommunication systems,
- g) Identify key technologies that can be made available to local governments to allow these agencies to secure their computing resources,
- h) Document the requirements for secured computing and telecommunications infrastructure,
- i) Prepare and publish the committee’s findings including recommendations for best practices to ensure the security of the state and local computing resources, and
- j) Coordinate with the Technology Council of the NITC to establish recommended security practices.

Section 3. That NIDCAC invite the Technical Panel of the NITC to participate as a joint sponsor of this resolution.

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- Section 4.* The Chair of NIDCAC shall invite representatives of agencies enumerated, below, to participate on the committee. Those who accept shall constitute the membership of the Committee. The Committee may expand its membership by inviting additional representatives of other organizations to join the study as voting or non-voting members. The Committee may establish planning groups to undertake specific tasks of the study. Invitations to participate on the Steering Committee shall include, but be not limited to:
- Representatives of any county, city, or other political subdivision
 - Local law enforcement or other local agencies that perform building security
 - Local political subdivisions with a data processing center
 - Office of the Nebraska Chief Information Officer
 - Nebraska State Building Division
 - Technical Panel of the NITC
- Section 5.* The authority for the Committee and its working groups shall exist beginning from the date of passage of this Resolution, and shall continue until January 1, 2007 or until such time as the Committee has completed its tasks, except that NIDCAC may abolish or extend the Committee.
- Section 6.* The Chair of NIDCAC shall provide or arrange such planning, facilitation, administration, and financial support as is necessary and available to support the work of the Committee.